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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Heinz FOCKE of Verden, Germany (Deceased);  
Stefan BACHNER of Verden, Germany; and  
Jens SCHMIDT of Grasberg, Germany  
METHOD OF, AND APPARATUS FOR, HANDLING BLANKS,  
IN PARTICULAR COUPONS  
Assignee: FOCKE & CO. (GmbH & Co.)  
Our Ref: Q-78688

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including thirteen (13) pages of specification including seventeen (17) claims, an Abstract of the Disclosure, six (6) sheets of formal drawing and the certified priority document. **The filing fee, together with the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, will be submitted at a later date with the other required fees.**

**Please see the attached PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.**

Priority is claimed from December 9, 2002, based on German Application  
No. 102 57 598.3.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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